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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTON-RADSTOCK.

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for year ended
31st December, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Norton-Radstock
Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I submit an interim report for the year ended 31st
December, 1944.

STATISTICS.

<u>Population.</u> On a peace time basis.	11648.
<u>Deaths under 1 year.</u>	3.
<u>Infant Mortality Rate.</u>	14.7 per thousand.
<u>Total Deaths.</u>	119.
<u>Death Rate.</u>	10.3.
<u>Total Births.</u>	207.
<u>Birth Rate.</u>	17.7.
<u>Still Births.</u>	1 Male. 1 Female.
	<u>Total 2</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Pneumonia	12.
Whooping Cough	9.
Scarlet Fever	24.
Measles	4.
Puerperal Pyrexia	1.
Erysipelas	1.

<u>Tuberculosis.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Respiratory 6.	4.
Non-Respiratory 0.	1.

MILK SUPPLY.

Six of our producers are Licensed by the County Council as
accredited producers. There is now one plant for heat-
treating milk but no pasteurising plant.

SAMPLING.

The Sanitary Inspector takes samples on behalf of the
County Council for designated milks for the purpose of the
Tuberculosis Order.

WATER SUPPLY.

The quality of the water from the various sources obtained
has been satisfactory. During the year it was necessary to
curtail the supply for a short period (approximately 6 weeks)

for varying periods between the hours of 7.p.m. and 5.a.m. All supplies are chlorinated. Two samples were submitted for bacteriological examination and found to be satisfactory. The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The majority of the houses in the Urban District have piped supply direct to internal fittings within the property.

There are only a few blocks of houses served by "stand pipes" and these are only a few feet from the houses (Individual houses in these blocks have water laid in the house).

It is estimated that 160 houses obtain water from "stand-pipes" and in all cases the supply is within a few feet of the houses. (The population involved is about 560).

About 3140 houses have water supply to fittings within the house. (Population is approximately 11,500).

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

There have been no additional works or changes made during the year. Every effort has been made to maintain efficient existing services under difficult conditions.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

There is no change in this.

SCABIES CENTRE.

Attendances.	567.
New Cases.	415.
Inhabitants.	518.
Evacuees.	59.
Treatments.	573.

HOUSING.

Conditions have resulted in serious overcrowding. 16 houses (unfit) have been licensed for temporary occupation.

A site for 48 houses is ready and plans are in course of preparation for 1st year post-war programme.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

So far as can be ascertained this area is very fortunate in its scarcity of cases.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) F.W. WIDGERY.

Medical Officer of Health.

2nd July, 1945.